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Thornton Tomasetti Announces 2020 Lee Petrella and Daniel A. Cuoco Scholarship Winners

(New York, N.Y. – October 13, 2020) – Thornton Tomasetti has awarded two college students – Karissa Collins and Inzamamdeen Kassim – with scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year.

Lee Petrella Memorial Scholarship

The 2020 Lee Petrella Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Karissa Collins. The award provides a \$5,000 scholarship to a civil engineering student at the City College of New York's Grove School of Engineering in Manhattan.

The scholarship, established in memory of Thornton Tomasetti Vice President Lee Petrella, provides financial assistance and professional experience to a civil engineering student who is focusing on structures at CCNY, Petrella's alma mater. During his more than 30 years with Thornton Tomasetti, Petrella was a leader in the firm's Structural Engineering practice and was involved in many of its signature projects, including Shanghai Tower in China, New York's World Financial Center and Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan.



Collins, a senior at City College of New York, is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering with a multidisciplinary specialization. She is an active member of Engineers Without Borders-USA, Latin American Engineering Student Association Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Chi Epsilon (the national civil engineering honor society) and Tau Beta Pi (the engineering honor society). Collins plans on pursuing a master's degree and becoming a licensed professional engineer.

Daniel A. Cuoco Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Inzamamdeen Kassim is the 2020 recipient of the Daniel A. Cuoco Endowed Memorial Scholarship, which awards \$5,000 annually to a structural engineering student at City College of New York's Grove School of Engineering.



The scholarship fund was established by Thornton Tomasetti in 2015 in memory of former President and CEO Daniel Cuoco, whose career with the firm spanned 40 years. Cuoco, a CCNY graduate, was essential in the company's growth from a 15-person, single-office firm to one that now employs more than 1,500 people in offices around the globe. He helped establish the firm as a world leader in structural design and forensics and was an early adopter of emerging technologies, including building information modeling. In addition to serving as a role model, Cuoco was an active mentor to young engineers.

Kassim is currently studying civil engineering with a focus on structural engineering at CCNY. He is a tutor and peer leader for the CUNY Black Male Initiative as well as president of Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society. Kassim intends to take the FE exam in January 2021.

Executive Quote

Thomas Scarangelo, P.E., Chairman and CEO, Thornton Tomasetti

"We are proud to celebrate the lives of two extraordinary engineers, Daniel Cuoco and Lee Petrella, and in their memory provide opportunities for talented students like Karissa and Inzamamdeen. We wish them both much academic and professional success."

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